(d) Article 7 of the SAFTA provides for a phased Tariff Liberalization Programme (TLP) covering all tariff lines except those in the Sensitive List of each Contracting State. In view of different budget periods of the contracting States, TLP has been given effect from 1st July 2006, except in the case of Nepal for which it is from 1st August 2006. Implementation of SAFTA is expected to significantly boost Intra-SAARC Trade and economies of all contracting States including India but it cannot be quantified at this stage.

Formation of a new WTO like association

2754. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is working towards organizing the third world countries to form a new association or forum like "World Trade Organisation";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the benefits accruing from its membership of the WTO, which has agreements that are rule-based, transparent and predictable, the issue of forming an alternative forum to the WTO has not been considered.

Special Economic Zones

2755. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved by Government;

(b) the land allotted to each SEZ;

(c) the estimated amount of tax and duty concessions extended to the approved SEZs;

(d) the number of SEZ proposals under consideration of Government; and

(e) the tentative land allotment and amount of tax/duty concession involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Formal approval has been granted to 150 proposals for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Out of these, after receiving the land particulars 18 SEZs have been duly notified.

(b) The area particulars for each of the notified SEZs are indicated in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The amount of tax and duty concessions extended to the approved SEZs cannot be estimated.

(d) Over 200 proposals for setting up of SEZs have been received for consideration.

(e) In all the pending applications, the minimum land area requirements as per the provisions of Rule 5 of the Special Economic Zone Rules, 2006 (published in the Gazette of India on 10th February 2006) will have to be fulfilled. The amount of tax/duty concession to these proposed SEZs cannot be estimated.

Statement

Area-wise particulars for each of the notified SEZs

Sl. No.	Name of Developer	Location	Type	Area (in hectares)
1.	Divi's Laboratories Limited	Andhra Pradesh	Pharmaceuticals	105.496
2.	WIPRO Limited	Andhra Pradesh	Information Technology	6.48
3.	Apache SEZ Development India Private Limited	Andhra Pradesh	Footwear	126.90
4.	A.P. Techno Projects Private Limited	Andhra Pradesh	Information Technology (IT)/Information Technology Enables Services (ITES)	10
5.	Hyderabad Gems SEZ Limited	Andhra Pradesh	Gems and Jewellery	80.93
6.	Chandigarh Administration	Chandigarh	Electronics Hardware, and IT/ITES	31.4966
7.	Reliance Infrastructure Limited	Gujarat	Petroleum and Petrochemicals SEZ.	440.08
8.	Gujarat Adani Ports Limited	Gujarat	Multi-product	2406.75
9.	WIPRO Limited	Karnataka	IT	6.48
10.	WIPRO Limited	Karnataka	IT	5.17
11.	Biocon Limited	Karnataka	Bio-technology	35.55
12.	Serum Bio-pharma Park	Maharashtra	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	23.1793
13.	Flextronics Technologies (India) Private Limited	Tamil Nadu	Electronics Hardware and related services	101.21
14.	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Tamil Nadu	IT	28.53
15.	ETL Infrastructure Services Limited	Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES	10.57
16.	Syntel International Private Limited	Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES	11.73
17.	M.L. Dalmiya and Company Limited	West Bengal	IT/ITES	48.5623
18.	Moser Baer Limited	Uttar Pradesh	Non-conventional Energy including solar energy equipments/cell	11.9